



THE CONNECTION

Parson to Person

I remember many facets of Easter as I grew from being a child to an adult. As Easter approaches I have been thinking about the many things I have learned.

1. I remember waking on Easter morning to get an Easter basket and being taught that the eggs were symbols of the Resurrection.
2. I remember being taught that new clothes on Easter were not nearly as important as a new heart.
3. I remember growing up and learning to love singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and the great celebration that music inspired.
4. I remember pictures of family and the church and the beautiful lilies.
5. I remember thanking God for people like the Reverend Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr. whose ministry taught me about the significance of Lent and how important it is to remember and to relive the journey to the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.
6. I remember the great power of hearing the song *On The Third Day* and how the message of Easter rings forth through it.
7. I remember the many flowers decorating a Living Cross.
8. I remember the numbers of people coming to worship. There are more professions of faith made on Easter Sunday than any other Sunday in the year.

Easter is a great day in the life of the church. In the resurrection of Jesus comes the promise of new life and the gift of eternal salvation. Is there greater news? Attendance sky rockets on Easter Sunday because it is such a festive day with so much energy and joy in the worship service. Also, it is a Sunday that people who are skeptical of the church attend because they ask themselves, "What if the church is right?" It is a day filled with hope and filled with great joy. Families gather and celebrate and enjoy great meals after worship. It is a day of new beginnings as the resurrection gives us all a certain hope that nothing can steal. If God overcomes death then God can overcome anything in our living that causes hardship and trouble. This year with Easter coming on April 1, there can be no April Fool's jokes. The resurrection triumphs that! What the church believes is no joke and what the church preaches saves lives.

The hymnist says it best of all: "I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that he is living whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart." (UMC Hymnal No. 310)

May the joy and peace of the resurrection fill your hearts with great joy this Easter Sunday.

Ken Timmerman

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COMING UP

*Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 1, 6:30am, Front Porch

*Spring BBQ, Saturday, April 7, 11am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

*Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, April 8, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge

*Afternoon UMW Circle Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMW Circle #3 Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 7:00pm

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, April 15, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*J.O.Y. Club, Thursday, April 19, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

*Newsletter Deadline, Monday, April 23, 12:00pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF FLO OUTEN

Virginia Outen Miller

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From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The Child Development Ministry is operating at full capacity, with 81 children enrolled. We will add a small class for school children, ages 5-7, during Spring Break. It's looking like we will have a full Summer Care class this year, too. We are still adding names to the waiting list in case someone's plans change. If you need summer childcare, please call us as

soon as possible.

Elaine Barnette will be here April 10-13 to take pictures of the children. If you would like an appointment to have pictures taken, call Holly at (843) 537-2212.

The 3 and 4 year old classes will be attending the play, *Chicken Little*, at Theater on the Green on April 18th. It is

always a fun field trip for the children.

The CDM will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Have a wonderful Easter, remembering what Christ did for us all.

In Him,
Mimi

Serving in April

Hostess

Carole Hennessee

Head Usher

Jeff Johnson

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Hollis Dusa (A) Mary Charlotte Dusa (CB)

Greeters

April 1 M&M Manuel Assef

April 8 M&M Jimmie Williamson

April 15 Shep Straughn

April 22 M&M Curtis Jones

April 29 M&M Jeff Johnson

Lobby Door Greeters

April 1 Eric Dusa, Greg Sanderson

April 8 Sammy Quick, Jerry Tucker

April 15 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

April 22 Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

April 29 Lyle Coffy, Thomas Samuel

Nursery

April 1 Caroline Berry, Leslie Jean Watson

April 8 Caroline Berry, Michelle Rohde

April 15 Caroline Berry, Nancy Wagnon

April 22 Caroline Berry, Christy Ruffner

April 29 Caroline Berry, Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

April 1 Mary Charlotte Dusa

April 8 Greg Sanderson

April 15 Margaret Jean Harris

April 22 Susan Marsh

April 29 Lawton Harris

Flowers

April 1 Ezer Class

April 8 Mary Burr

April 15 Street/Traynham Estate

April 22 Shannon Johnson

April 29 Crawfords

Counters

April 1 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

April 8 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate:

April 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

April 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

April 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

April 1 Peanut butter/Jelly

April 8 Flour/sugar/corn meal mix

April 15 Canned meats

April 22 Soups

April 29 Drink mixes (Kool-Aid, etc.)

Endowment Fund Update

The Endowment Fund committee would like to thank the FUMC Child Development Center for their recent contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Have you considered leaving the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving.

Current Amount in the Endowment Fund
\$140,440.11

A Note from Sara

**ATTENTION:
EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD
AT 10:00am on Saturday MARCH 31.
Theme for 2018 VBS: Shipped
Wrecked 'Rescued by Jesus'
Details will be in upcoming bulletin**

Pastor Ken and I took the youth group to see "I Can Only Imagine" yesterday. We had a great trip with the youth. The movie is based on true events about a son who is abused by his father; physically and emotionally. The son's name is Bart. I read an interview which Bart recently did, and as badly as his father beat him, he said the worst abuse he received was when his father told him that he "did not care what he did anymore." Translation; "I do not care about you Bart" How sad. This was rock bottom for Bart; his heart was crushed...but he turned toward Jesus, and he started going to a youth group. (For those of you who

have watched the movie, I learned this through an interview Bart did in real life)
-During UMYF meetings the youth ask a lot of questions about death, the end of times, and "how do I know I am saved?" ...a lot of adults ask the same questions the youth do...
I got to thinking after the movie about Jesus' agony on the cross...Jesus took the worse beating any human has ever withstood...then he was hung on a cross to die...amazingly he could still speak, and his last words were "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus' heart was full of anguish...at that moment He felt His father had left Him alone...then His work on the cross was finished...
At that moment Jesus felt what humans feel when we feel pushed aside, unloved, not wanted, treated unfairly...belief in Jesus gives believ-

ers His power; the Holy Spirit lives in side of believers...we are never alone; when events of this life crush our hearts, we are told to cry out to God first and always.

This is salvation; belief in Jesus

Bart could have easily turned toward the things that Satan offers in this world...but he chooses to turn toward Jesus...this how we know we are saved; we turn toward Jesus and not the things Satan offers in this world. We have the power inside of us; all we have to do is call on Jesus...

"Submit yourselves, then to God...Come near to God and He will come near to you..." James 4:7-8

Sara

Graduate Information Needed

The Christian Education Committee would like the families of any graduating college students to inform the office. We don't want to leave any-

one out of the graduation stuff in May.

Holly Miles,
Christian Education Committee
Chair

Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

BIRTHDAYS

April 6 W.K. (Keith) Smith, Jim Bennett
April 9 Becky Thompson
April 10 Anthony Harris, Steven Humphries
April 13 Jensen Tomberlin
April 18 Laura Harris
April 19 Lindsey Sanderson Thomas, Amanda Carabo
April 22 Sarah Miles, Mary Lomas
April 23 Michelle Kessler

April 29 Marianne Crawford
April 30 Walter Crosby, Jim Crawford, IV

ANNIVERSARIES

April 8 M&M Peter Swarr
April 10 M&M Eric Dusa
April 11 M&M Lawrence Hammonds
April 13 M&M Paul Miles
April 17 M&M Todd Becker

April 18 M&M Zach Mills
April 24 M&M John Sanderson
April 26 M&M Jim Crawford, III, M&M David Tucker



Relay for Life

We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2018 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 4 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$108,000. What's your life worth? How can you help? 1)

We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office marked RELAY. 2) We need you to buy lots of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love. If you would like to join our team or make an online donation,

you may do so by going to www.relayforlife.org and put "Merciless Methodists" in the team search box.

A Note from Mary Lynn

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

"When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that

you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we.
Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Inspired by David's words recorded in Psalm 8, Linda Lee Johnson and

Tom Fettke wrote this classic anthem of praise in 1979...one of the most beautiful ever written! Our sanctuary choir will be singing this during the worship service very soon. It is one of my favorites...and our Pastor's as well. I know in my heart you will like it too!! May God's richest blessings be yours this Spring 2018 as together we share His love.

In Christ's Love,
Mary Lynn

Pastoral Change

This is a time for the church to begin praying for the outgoing pastor and the proposed incoming pastor. Change is hard, yet in the United Methodist Church, change comes with hope for new ministry and new ideas and new plans. As the Bishop and Cabinet make appointments they do not have the privilege of thinking of only one church. They must see the whole church and all of its need in South Carolina. They work to match gifts and graces of pastors to needs in local churches. I know the news of a pastoral change has created many feelings. I need you to know that this move will be of benefit to my family and I have embraced the move. I did not say no to it. Some have written

letters expressing feelings. This isn't fair to the new pastor coming in. We need to use our time for transition preparing, rather than sending letters to the Bishop and D.S. We need to send letter of encouragement to the new pastor and express how welcome she will be among us. Rev. Kim Eanes is an experienced pastor and is entitled to be well-received. Our hearts and minds must be in the right place for that to happen. Change is a part of who we are as United Methodists. While change is hard...this change will benefit my family and I completely accept the proposed move. I love all of you, but the time for a change has come. I ask that you honor my time here by welcoming the new pastor with open

arms and loving hearts. If you want to send a note of encouragement, you can get Rev. Kim Eanes' address in the church office. The key to this pastoral change will be prayer. Prayer prepares our hearts for what is going to happen. Your proposed pastor is Kim Eanes. I have had the privilege of hearing her preach and she is a very good preacher. I know she has a good heart and cares about people. She will do good work in Cheraw. She has been in the ministry for twenty-seven years and has many gifts and graces and skills. Please join me in praying for her as she prepares to come to Cheraw.

J.O.Y Club Fun



What Accounts are for Memorials?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Contingency Fund
Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund

Red Bird
Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Grounds Upkeep Fund
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

Palm Sunday



April Calendar

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am, Front Porch
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

Monday, April 2, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Office Closed, Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office
Sunday, April 8 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Spring BBQ, 11am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 9, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office
Sunday, April 15 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm
Afternoon UMW Circle Meeting, 3:00pm, Parlor
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Circle #3 Meeting, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, April 15, 2018

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, April 16, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office
Sunday, April 22 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, April 19, 2018

J.O.Y. Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, April 23, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
May Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office
Sunday, April 29 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Fellowship Hall in use, Child Development

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Monday, April 30, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut



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**MAY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Monday, April 23, 2018
Noon